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9. (Amended) A DNA derived from coryneform bacterium, said DNA is defined in the following (a) or (b):

(a) a DNA which comprises at nucleotides 881 to 2623 of SEQ ID NO:1;

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(B) a DNA which is hybridizable with a nucleotide sequence comprising at least nucleotides 881 to 2623 of SEQ ID NO:1 under a stringent condition, which comprises washing at 60°C in 1 X SSC and 0.1% SDS, and wherein said DNA codes for a protein having the ability to bind to penicillin.

Please add the following claim:

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10. (New) The DNA according to claim 9, wherein the DNA which is hybridizable with a nucleotide sequence comprising at least nucleotide 881 to 2623 of SEQ ID NO:1 under stringent conditions is not less than 50% homologous to nucleotides 881 to 2623 of SEQ ID NO:1.